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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

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## NOTICE.

### RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No deposit may be made more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is directed on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- Withdrawals may be made on demand, by the depositor, his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION,

JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1883. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000  
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION \$ 200,000  
OF DIVIDENDS, \$ 200,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-  
PRIETORS, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—A. McIVER, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—M. GROTE, Esq.  
Hon. J. BELL IRVING, Esq.  
C. D. BOTTOMLEY, Esq.  
W. H. F. DARBY, Esq.  
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.  
John A. P. McEWEN,  
Hon. F. D. SARSON.

CHIEF MANAGER.  
Hongkong—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq.  
Shanghai—EVAN GAMMON, Esq.  
London Bankers—London and County  
Bank.

HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate  
of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily  
balance.

On Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BANKS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities,  
and every description of Banking and  
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, August 28, 1886. 947

## Notice of Firm.

### NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. ED. MILLER  
to sign Bills of Lading in our  
Name from this date.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, November 29, 1886. 2274

## Intimations.

HONGKONG CLUB.

### NOTICE.

AN Extraordinary General MEETING  
of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will  
be held in the Club House on TUESDAY,  
21st December, at 4.30 p.m., for the pur-  
pose of confirming the Resolutions passed  
at the Extraordinary General Meeting on  
the 2nd instant.

By Order of the General Committee,

C. H. GRACE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 14, 1886. 2374

## THE INDIAN ENGINEER.

A N announcement having appeared of  
the proposed issue of the first number of  
a Periodical to be entitled 'INDIAN  
ENGINEERING' on 1st January 1887, and  
some of our Subscribers having written  
to us to inquire the publication of the  
'INDIAN ENGINEER' has Ceased, we  
hereby give notice that the publication of the  
'INDIAN ENGINEER' will Continue as  
heretofore, and that we are in no way con-  
nected with, or interested in, the proposed  
Periodical to be called 'INDIAN ENGINEER'.

Mr. P. DOYLE has Ceased to be the  
Editor of the 'INDIAN ENGINEER', and is  
in no way connected therewith.

W. NEWMANN & Co., 'LIMITED',  
Proprietors and Publishers of  
'THE INDIAN ENGINEER' 2208

4, DAIRYHOUSE SQUARE, CALCUTTA.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL  
TRAMWAYS COMPANY.

LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a General  
MEETING of the Company will be  
held at the Company's OFFICES, No. 36,  
Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY,  
the 23rd December, 1886, at 11 o'clock  
Forenoon.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 8, 1886. 2335

## Business Notices.

# CHRISTMAS

AND FANCY WARE & CO.  
ARE NOW MAKING THEIR ANNUAL SHOW OF  
NOVELTIES  
IN  
FANCY GOODS  
SUITABLE FOR

## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

This Year's ASSORTMENT has been carefully Selected, from the Leading LONDON and PARIS HOUSES, and is  
the FINEST COLLECTION EVER SEEN IN HONGKONG.

of all Kinds both USEFUL and ORNAMENTAL, and all of the Best Money Value,  
COMPRISING—

FANCY CHINA ORNAMENTS,

THE NEWEST TABLE DECORATIONS,

TABLE LAMPS WITH FANCY VASES,

MENU and NAME TABLETS,

FLOWER BASKETS AND BOWLS.

## INLAID AND CARVED ONYX WARE

CABINET FRAMES, TOILET SETS, INKSTANDS and PAPER KNIVES,  
'TANTALUS' LOOK-UP SPIRIT FRAMES and PERFUME STANDS,

DOULTON WARE, ORCHID WARE, IVORY WARE,

DRESDEN WARE and ARTISTIC GLASS WARE.

## Painted Mirror Cheval Screens in Brass Frames.

Painted Mirror Panels in Plush Frames.

ROSE PAINTED CHINA,  
PASSION FLOWER CHINA,  
FLORAL-FRAMED TABLE MIRRORS,  
NEW CRYSTAL ICE BOWLS.

CUT GLASS Perfume BOTTLES,  
PRETTY STATUETTES,

CIGAR CABINETS,  
FANCY TABLE BELLS.

## ARTISTIC EMBOSSED LEATHER

IN A VARIETY OF USEFUL LITTLE PRESENTS, TWO IN

MOROCCO, RUSSIAN, PERSIAN, IVORY LEATHER,  
ANTIQUE LEATHER AND PLUSH.

CIGAR and CIGARETTE CASES,  
PHOTOGRAPH and SCRAP ALBUMS,  
TABLE PORTFOLIO STANDS,  
TOURIST and BOUDOIR WRITING CASES,  
DAVENPORT BLOTTING PADS,  
NOTE CASES and POCKET BOOKS,  
FITTED WORK COMPANIONS,  
CARD CASES and TABLETS.

FITTED DRESSING CASES,  
FITTED TRAVELLING BAGS,  
LADIES' JEWEL CASES,  
DESPATCH BOXES,  
NEW BIRTHDAY BOOKS,  
WORK BOXES and BASKETS,  
SCISSORS in FANCY CASES,  
PURSES and SACHETS.

## LADIES' FANCY STATIONERY.

POCKET PENCILS and WATCH CHAINS, OPERA GLASSES,  
NEW LAMP SHADES, BOOK SLIDES,  
PAINTED PHOTOGRAPHS, PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS.

## The Newest Cabinet Photo-Frames.

A LARGE VARIETY OF

PRAYER BOOKS, HYMN BOOKS and CHURCH SERVICES.  
—Also—

HANDSOMELY BOUND PRESENTATION BOOKS,  
for Children or Adults.

## SMOKERS' SUNDRIES,

TOBACCO POUCHES, TOBACCO JARS,  
CIGAR CUTTERS, CIGAR LIGHTERS.

Silver-Mounted Briar and Meerschaum Pipes.

CIGAR and CIGARETTE HOLDERS in CASES.

## THE MANILAS.

THE FINEST CIGAR possible to procure, in perfect condition.

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS.

AN ENTIRE NEW STOCK OF ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, including many Novelties and all of guaranteed First  
Class quality.—LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. beg to call special attention to this department:

it is well worth a visit, and cannot be equalled by any

other House in China or Japan.

FANCY UPHOLSTERY and FURNISHING DRAPERY. Ladies intending to purchase some useful presents should pay a visit to this department; all the new WINTER NOVELTIES have arrived and are well worthy of inspection.

PRESENTATION LAWN TENNIS SETS.

## IN-DOOR GAMES.

## NEW SONGS & DANCE MUSIC.

## PRESENTS FOR THE YOUNGSTERS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, December 9, 1886. 2338

See advertisements in the other local papers.

## Business Notices.

### KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

HAVE RECEIVED

CHRISTMAS NUMBER 'ILLUSTRATED NEWS', containing a complete Novel

by Bro. Harte, entitled 'The Millionaire of Rough and Ready', and large coloured

Picture 'Little Miss Muffet'.

XMAS NUMBER 'GRAPHIC', containing a complete Novel by David Christie

Murray, entitled 'Ball Dog and Butterly', and large coloured Picture

'Tally Ho!'

XMAS NO. 'ILLUSTRATED SPORTING and DRAMATIC NEWS',

ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS ALMANACK 1887.

IMPERIAL ENGLISH and CHINESE DIARY 1887; Postscript size, 3 days to

a page, interleaf'd with Blotting Paper, containing Customs Tariff for China,

Postal Information, E. & C. T. Co. & G. N. Co.'s Telegraph Rates,

Chinese Holidays, and Revenue Wages Table in Dollars and Taels—Price, \$1.

IMPERIAL ENGLISH and CHINESE DATE BLOCK 1887, supersizing in get-

up and legibility all Anglo-Chinese Date Blocks, previously issued—Price,

75 Cents.

LETTS DIARIES and DATE BLOCKS.

Boys' OWN ANNUAL—GIRL'S OWN ANNUAL—EVERY BOY'S MAGAZINE—EVERY GIRL'S

Magazine—Harper's Young People—CHATTERBOX—Children's Friend—Infant's Magazine—Little WIDE AWAKE, and all the best Children's VOLUMES

FOR THE YEAR.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, HONGKONG. 2333

W. POWELL & Co.

CHRISTMAS 1886.

W. POWELL & Co. respectfully call attention to their LARGE and EXTENSIVE

STOCK OF

TOYS! TOYS!! TOYS!!!

TOYS of every description suitable for BOYS and GIRLS.

Over 3.00 DOLLS to select from.

Special advantages offered to Purchasers of \$10.00 worth.

CHRISTMAS TREE parcels \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 made up and numbered

in 24 hours' notice.

W. POWELL & Co. 2376

Hongkong, December 15, 1886.

THE BON MARCHE.

(CHIAP MARKET.)

ADJOINING THE STAG HOTEL (NEXT DOOR).

CONSISTING OF A STOCK OF FANCY and USEFUL ARTICLES,

PIPS, WATCHES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, ALBUMS,

TOBACCO, CIGARS, BOOKS, NOVELS, MUSIC,

CLOCKS, and a varied Stock of Fancy GOODS of all kinds.

BON MARCHE, next door to the STAG HOTEL.

Hongkong, September 8, 1886. 1739

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.  
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
FROM LEITH, LONDON AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Benander*, Captain Ross, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside. CONSIGNERS OF NAMED IRON BOATS, are particularly requested to take delivery from Steamers IN THEIR OWN BOATS, failing which the Captain will not be responsible for any mixing of different lots that may arise from otherwise discharging same.

The steamer is berthed at the KOWLOON PIERS, and any Cargo impeding her discharge will there be landed into Godowns and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

Optimal Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m., TO-DAY, the 17th instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 24th instant will be subject to rent. All Claims must reach us before 4 p.m. of the 27th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 17, 1886. 2404

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM SURABAYA, SAMARANG, BATAVIA, SINGAPORE AND SAIGON.

THE Company's S.S. *Bantam* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into MESSRS. JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.'s Godowns, West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 23rd instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 16, 1886. 2304

## Shipping.

## Steamers.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW CHIANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Stentor*, Capt. Edwards, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 16, 1886. 2300

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW CHIANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

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Hongkong, December 16, 1886. 2300

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship *Kaisers-i-Hind* will leave for the above place on SUNDAY, the 19th instant, at Daylight.

E. L. WOODIN,  
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 17, 1886. 2401

THE BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The British Steamer *Benander*, Captain Ross, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 19th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 17, 1886. 2403

FOR SINGAPORE, HAYRE, AMSTERDAM AND HAMBURG, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

The Steamship *Iphigenia*, Captain Volmer, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 27th Inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 16, 1886. 2301

FORSINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

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Hongkong, December 17, 1886. 2300

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The Co.'s Steamship *Stentor*, Capt. Jones, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 16, 1886. 2300

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/3 L.L. American Ship *Harvester*, TAYLOR, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 6, 1886. 2301

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 3/3 L.L. American Ship *Harvester*, TAYLOR, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 4, 1886. 2310

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ADOLPH, German brig, Captain John Focke.—Schellhans & Co.

ALBIR, British 3-masted schooner, Capt. B. Bright.—Master.

ALBRO BABYAN, British barque, Capt. Wm. Brown.—Chinese.

ALICE, German brig, Capt. E. Schwartz.—Captain.

ALICE, American ship, Capt. J. T. Soul—Master.

FRED. P. LITCHFIELD, Am. barque, Capt. O. C. Young.—Gonsalves & Co.

ALICE, British schooner, Capt. O. Glin.—Captain.

ALICE, British barque, Capt. James Hayes—Master.

JOHN C. POTTER, American ship, Capt. R. Curtis.—Order.

JOHN TRADEY, British ship, Capt. Thos. Ryan.—Messenger Maritime.

SARAH HICKEY, American ship, Capt. A. Morgan.—Ed. Schellhans & Co.

STRATFORD, British steamer, Capt. Wm. Hutton.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

VENTURA, Spanish barque, Captain R. Esteva.—Remedios & Co.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 17, 1886. 2307

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship *Zephyr*, Captain T. L. Tabor, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 15, 1886. 2307

## Shipping.

## Steamers.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Zephyr*, Captain T. L. Tabor, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 17, 1886. 2306

At 2 p.m. at the COSMOPOLITAN DOCK, 275 Tons CARDIFF COAL.

75 Tons PATENT FUEL.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash, before delivery in Bank Notes. All Lots with all faults and errors of description at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

A STEAM LAUNCH will leave Pedder's Wharf at 1.30 p.m.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 13, 1886. 2301

At 2 p.m. at the COSMOPOLITAN DOCK, 275 Tons CARDIFF COAL.

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The annual distribution of prizes at St. Paul's College will take place on Wednesday next, at noon. H. E. the Acting Governor will preside.

The captain's good-service pension of £60. a year, vacant by the retirement of Capt. George Parsons, has been awarded to Capt. George Digby Moran, at present Commodore on this Station.

By kind permission of Captain Havener, Divine Service will be held to-morrow, at eleven o'clock, on board the American barque *Hawila Brown*, by the Rev. A. G. Goldsmith, Seaman's Chaplain. The Benthall flag will be hoisted.

The *Yankee*, with the French mail of November 19, was to leave Singapore to-day, the 18th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 26th inst. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on October 19th.

Sir Robert Hart, Director-General of Chinese Customs, will (according to a Reuter's telegram from Lisbon published in the home papers) act as Chinese Plenipotentiary in the negotiations for the conclusion of a treaty between China and Portugal in regard to the Portuguese territory of Macao.

The *Pegasus*, a composite sloop, Commander Farquhar, arrived in Plymouth Sound from the China Station on the 8th November to pay off. The ship had been on the China Station several years, having been recommissioned at Hongkong on Feb. 24, 1884. The *Pegasus* was to be paid off at Plymouth.

ADMIRAL Sir G. Willis, Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, and who was Admiral on this station two commands ago, speaking at the Mayor's banquet, said that he would have believed a week ago that a torpedo would destroy such a ship as the *Trojans*, which was now being built at the cost of a million. But the experiments with the *Resistance* showed that a torpedo could not blow up a ship, while a ship with her nets out could not be touched.

By kind permission of Colonel Anderson and the Officers of the 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment, their regimental band will play in the Gardens, to-morrow, the 19th instant, from 3.30 till 5 p.m. The following will be the programme:—

March.—"Green Bell."—Frith.  
"Farwell!"—Loranth.  
Selection.—"Puritan!"—Bellini.  
Selection.—"Olive Leaf!"—Le Thiere.  
John Mouat, Bandmaster.

At a regular meeting of the Perseverance Lodge of Freemasons, held on Thursday evening, Bro. E. Mackean was installed as Wor. Master by Very Wor. Bro. Dr. Adams, D.D.G.M., assisted by Grand Lodge officers. Wor. Bro. Mackean afterwards invested his officers as follows:—

S.W. .... Bro. E. Hazelton.  
Treasurer, Bro. H. McCallum.  
Secretary, Bro. H. Muller.  
S.D. .... Bro. J. C. Apple.  
J.D. .... Bro. J. Jordan.  
T.C. .... Bro. J. P. Parker.  
Tutor of Ceremonies, Bro. J. Maxwell.

This annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Hongkong and South China was held last night, when there were present very Wor. Bro. Adams, M.D., Deputy District Grand Master, a goodly number of the members of the Grand Lodge, and a large number of visiting brethren. Dr. Adams, as Deputy for the District Grand Master (Right Wor. Bro. C. P. Chater), presided, and invested the officers appointed. Wor. Bro. G. C. Cox was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Wor. Bros. Paul Jordan and Major Cochran were elected unofficial members of the Board of General Purposes. In the course of an address, reviewing the masonic history of the past year, the Deputy Grand Master paid a very warm tribute to the lately deceased Brother J. T. Chater, brother of the District Grand Master. The following are the officers appointed, and those who were present were invested:—

Wor. Bro. S. L. Jordan ..... D.G. Senior Warden.  
" " Wm. D. D. .... " " Captain.  
" " W. C. George ..... " " Rector.  
" " G. C. Cox ..... " " First-Post of Gen.  
" " W. M. D. Arthur ..... " " Purpose.  
" " G. H. Palmer (w. " " Secretary.  
" " T. Ronan (w. " " Senior Deacon.  
" " T. Ronan (w. " " Junior  
" " Poohoo ..... " " Rector.  
" " H. G. Palmer ..... " " Rector.  
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## MACTAVISH AND THE QUEEN OF PHAROE.

The following is taken from a recent edition of "College Lay" issued from Edinburgh. Mactavish is found upon the heather by this homesick Ian, "with his flask of spirit emptied altogether." By the help of water and good St. Fillan the homesick rogue has shuf to the point of articulate speech—

First his nose—he fell.

With a pinch of sneezin,

Then he thus remarked—

"I have seen a vision:

I shall tell you all.

That you may judge the fitness

Of the things whereof

I have been the witness.

"I had not consumed

More than half a gallon,

With Rory Oig McRaw

And Angus son of Allan;

And was a walking come

In this same morn

When my eyes bashed.

A beautious apparition.

From a tuft of rushes

Kept a splendid figure,

About a salmon's height;

Perhaps a little bigger;

She was dressed in white,

Her arms were somewhat hairy,

And I knew at once

It was the Queen of Phaeire.

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Says she, "Forgaidh Muir!

Let me taste your spirits,

I have heard before

Of their wondrous merits."

I emptied out my flask

And she gulped down a crater,

Washin' it a cask.

To drink would have been greater.

While she talked aport

To witness of a wether,

My arm I round her put.

And brought our lips together;

But up she jumped, quite angry,

And dashed out with her pinions,

Then flew off, I suppose,

Forsook her own dominions!

"Ho! ho! Oigh! Oigh! says Ian,

She was sorry sorry;

She had a bilious gone;

When coming up to carrie;

On her horns was a tickin;

To chieftain's trinkin poumet;

Tid'ands to 'I haic's work;

You may depend upon it!"

## QUEER QUESTIONS.

Says the "Full Mull Gazette":—  
No. Not even Solomon with his wisdom, nor Gladstone with his crystal could be of any service to many of our readers who have been good enough to submit queer questions to test the merits of Lord Truro's Bureau of Universal Knowledge. Who can fathom the foibles of computers? Let us take a few examples and tabulate them as curiosities.

What is the name of the oldest inhabitant of Peckin?

How many trees has Mr Gladstone felled in his life?

How many paving stones are there in London?

How many tons-cts are there within the four-mile radius?

Kindly give the total number of clerks in the Royal Cleaving Home in debt, and who are liable at any time to be summoned before a county court judge.

Is it possible for the dead to rise at the Resurrection in the same body, as expressed by the Church, after that body has been cremated?

Please tell me the depth in the deepest place of the sand in the Great Sahara Desert!

How many panes of glass are there in windows in the whole of London?

Who was William the Conqueror's first bookmaker?

What is the degree of consanguinity between Mr Gladstone and Cain or Abel?

How many honest men are there in London?

How many stones have been thrown into the Serpentine river in Hyde Park this year by boys and by girls?

What was the price charged for the first glass of ale publicly sold by the first licensed victualler granted a licence in England?

Explain the origin of evil.

The name of the first man who, 46,000 years ago, built his own canoe and paddled it?

How many persons named Smith have been born in the world since 1718?

Where are the bones of the late General Gordon, the Hero of Khartoum?

How many milestones are there on the "Road to Ruth?"

Who was Pontius Pilate's great grandmother?

What was the name of the first man who, 46,000 years ago, built his own canoe and paddled it?

Of course there are but a few of the choicer absurdities which we have sifted out. Lord Truro has determined the quality of the formidable bundle that has been forwarded to him elsewhere. It may, however, be amusing to give a few more instances of the ground which is traversed by competitors. "Slavery" asks, "Who made the first shirt?" calmly adding, "a simple question, but I don't believe it can be answered." It is curious to note how many ladies—misles—are anxious to ascertain the date of the end of the world. Married ladies, again, we find, ask Lord Truro for information about the ailments of babies. One enquirer says:—

Name me the fattest, poorest she is. Who gives this island girl by the sea; Name the loudest, when unashamed shield; Name the blindest, when unashamed shield.

Another asks, "How often Julius Caesar has been in this world?" and another, "Whether it is Lord Randolph's present intention to cultivate a board in A—, a well-known official boards?" a noted riddle."

A man and not a man seeing and not seeing a bird and not a bird seated on wood and not on wood hit and did not hit it with a stone and not a stone.

Many are curious to know "how the Pall Mall Gazette obtained possession of the Balfour Memorandum?" Others ask: "How many hairs are there on 'Mr Gladstone's head'?" "How may I effectually convince any woman against her will when I know beyond doubt that my opinion is correct?" To ascertain "how many inches the Emperor of China measures round the chest," is only a matter of £2 d. It would be much more difficult to tell "A Newham Student" how to get "a really good situation as governess" or "a well-qualified young country actress" how to obtain "a suitable engagement in London without paying for it." We scarcely like to print such questions as "What is the present weight of the Queen?" or "What is the superficial area of Mr Gladstone's collar?" One lady is anxious to know the "secret masonic sign." "Japist" asks, "What is the reason that men's clothes are invariably made to button from left to right, and women's from right to left?" A favourite question is, "How many grains of sand are there on the shore of the world?" apropos of which our questioner appends a footnote as follows:—

"I confidently expect to receive a prize for the above. It is of the same nature as the task set by the wizard Michael Scott to a friend whom he had raised, and whom he was compelled to keep in constant employ-

such trifles as bridging rapid rivers, splitting mountains into three peaks, &c., but at last Michael set him to making a rope out of any grain of sand, and he is said to be at it yet. Now, what was good enough for a devil should, I think, be good enough for Lord Truro."

With one more question we will wind up. It is: "Do evils suffer pain from being skinned?" This, as our correspondent says, is a very curious and interesting question, for after evils are skinned, they do not appear to wriggle about more than they did before they were skinned, thus apparently not suffering much from being deprived of their epidemics. It is not well established that no one would purchase dead evils? Consequently it is presumable that evils may be skinned, cooked, and eaten, independently of the adjudication of the 'Cruelty to Animals Society.'

## WHAT TO DO WITH OUR BOYS.

In the course of an article recommending the diplomatic and consular service as an outlet for "Our Boys," i.e., English boys, Wright says:—

As I have remarked already, the Consular service in China, Japan, Siam, Turkey, and Persia is regarded by open competition, to which all classes are eligible. In times past Mamma would have shuddered with horror at the bare idea of Tommy or Harry being sent to Canton or Shanghai. But to-day it is otherwise. Improved communications and the progress of civilization have considerably tended to modify the severity of such a wrench, and the fond parent begins to recognise that Tommy and Harry might do far worse. Here, then, are the prospects for a boy who is willing to go to China or Japan. *Inquiries*, he must be under eighteen or over twenty-four years of age, and he must be unmarried. He must pay a fee of £4 to the Civil Service Commissioners, and he is then eligible to compete when an examination is announced, for Student Interpreters. The examination is somewhat severe, and the competition brisk; but assuming the boy is successful, he is provided with a free passage to Peking or Yedo, as the case may be, and the choice depends upon his order of merit in the examination—and a salary of £200 a year, which commences ten days before he leaves England. At Peking or Yedo he is given free quarters, and instructed in the vernacular. In a couple of years or so he will probably be sent as assistant to one of the Consulates at the Treaty Ports. Here he will fit another £100 a year. His future progress then depends mainly on himself. If he succeeds an immediate indulgence in bottled beer, and does a certain amount of work, the chances are that he will, in the course of seventeen years from his first entry into the service, have risen to the rate of Consul, with seven or eight hundred a year. In China there are at present about nineteen Consulates, varying from £700 to £1,100 a year, but the average value of one of these posts is abut £900 a year and freer quarters.

There are altogether about sixty men in the Chinese Consulates and the Consular Assistants, Vice-Consuls, and Consuls. The Vice-Consuls at Shanghai and Whampoa are better paid, however, than the Consuls at Chefoo, Chinkiang, and Wuhu, whilst appear rather an anomaly at first sight.

In Japan the service is pretty similar, on the same lines, though smaller, consisting as it does of only twenty only, of all ranks.

The mean value of a Consul is here about £900 a year, but the present occupants of these posts have reached them on an average of fourteen years' service. Climatic and other considerations therefore render Japan preferable to China. In both countries, however, two years' service is allowed to reckon for three at nearly every post. It will accordingly be seen that the opening is not by any means a bad one for a younger son with brains and energy, especially if his place in the examination is high.

There does not appear to be any change in the height of the barometer, and gradients continue steep for N.E. winds. The temperature and the humidity are low and the weather is fine.

W. D. BOSTICK,  
Government Astronomer.  
Hongkong Observatory, December 17.

1. B. M. C. R., reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, referred to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, a blue sky, a detached cloud, &c.; drizzling rain, &c.; gloomy, hazy, &c.; overcast, &c.; passing showers, &c.; equal, &c.; snow, &c.; thunder, &c.

7. RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

WE SHOULD BLOT OUT DISEASE IN ITS EARLY STAGES.

This disease commences with a slight degree of pain in the stomach, but, if neglected, it involves the whole frame, and brings the kidneys into play, and, in fact, the entire glandular system, and the afflicted drags out a miserable existence until death gives relief from suffering.

The disease is often mistaken for other complaints; but if the patient will ask himself the following questions he will be able to determine whether he himself is one of the afflicted:—Have I distress, pain, or difficulty in breathing after eating? Is there a dull, heavy feeling, attended by drowsiness? Have the eyes a yellow tinge? Does a thick, sticky mucus gather about the guns and teeth in the mornings, accompanied by a disagreeable taste? Is the tongue coated? Is there pain in the sides and back? Is there a fulness about the right side as if the liver were enlarged? Is there constipation? Is there vertigo or dizziness when rising suddenly from an horizontal position? Are the secretions from the kidneys highly coloured, with a deposit after standing? Does food ferment soon after eating, accompanied by flatulence or belching of gas from the stomach? Is there frequent palpitation of the heart? These various symptoms may not be present at once, but they torment the sufferer in turn as the dreadful disease progresses. If the case be one of long standing, there will be a dry, hacking cough, attended after a time by expectoration. In very advanced stages the skin assumes a dirty brownish appearance, and the hands and feet are covered by a cold sticky perspiration. As the liver and kidneys become more and more diseased, rheumatic pains appear, and the usual treatment proves entirely unavailable against the latter agonizing disorder. The origin of this malady is indigestion or dyspepsia, and a small quantity of the proper medicine will remove the disease if taken in its incipiency. It is most important that the disease should be promptly treated in its first stages, when a little medicine will effect a cure, and even when it has obtained a strong hold the correct remedy should be persevered in, until the disease is completely eradicated.

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